

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Dierks, Jr. et al.**

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For: **Method and Apparatus for
Transferring Data from a Memory
Subsystem to a Network Adapter for
Improving the Memory Subsystem
and PCI Bus Efficiency**

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